

2015

The image features the year '2015' rendered in a celebratory, artistic style. Each digit is constructed from a dense network of thin, golden sparkler trails that create a shimmering, textured effect. The sparklers are set against a solid black background, which makes the bright, warm light of the sparks stand out prominently. The overall appearance is that of a festive light display or a creative graphic design for a New Year's or anniversary celebration.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
for the old heaven and the old earth had
disappeared. And the sea was also gone.

2 And I saw the holy city, the new
Jerusalem, coming down from God out of
heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for
her husband.

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

And the one sitting on the throne said,
“Look, I am making everything new!” And
then he said to me, “Write this down, for
what I tell you is trustworthy and true.”

6 And he also said, “It is finished! I am the
Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and
the End.

To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. 7 All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.

Hebrews 11:1

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of the water of life. vs.6



We have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. 5 And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, ... 6 So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, 1 Peter 1:4-6

The nature of this hope.

“I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven ...” Revelation 21:2





The nature of this hope.

“Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.”

Revelation 21:3



The nature of this hope.

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Revelation 21:4





**The need for
this hope.**

Who *was* John writing to?





Tertullian:

“The blood of the martyrs is like seed, because the more they killed us, the more our movement grew.”



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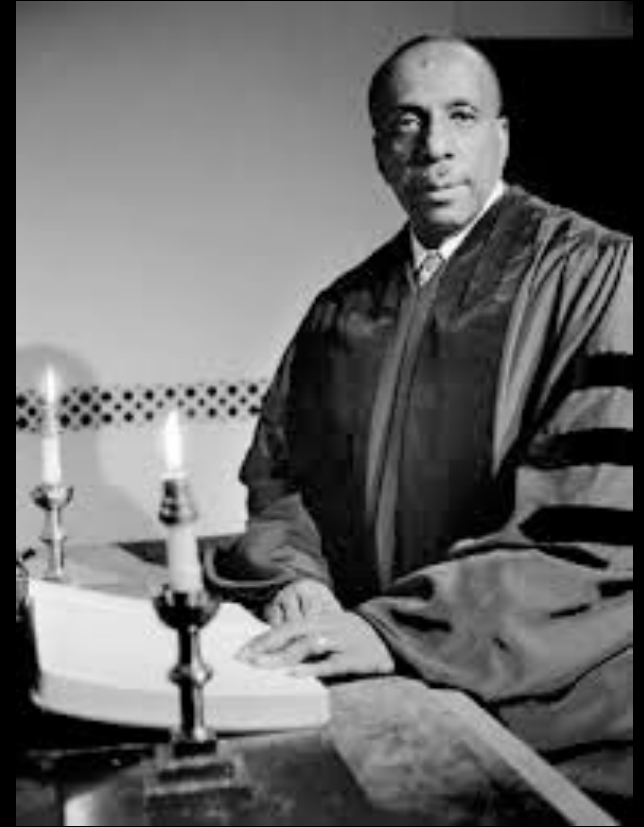
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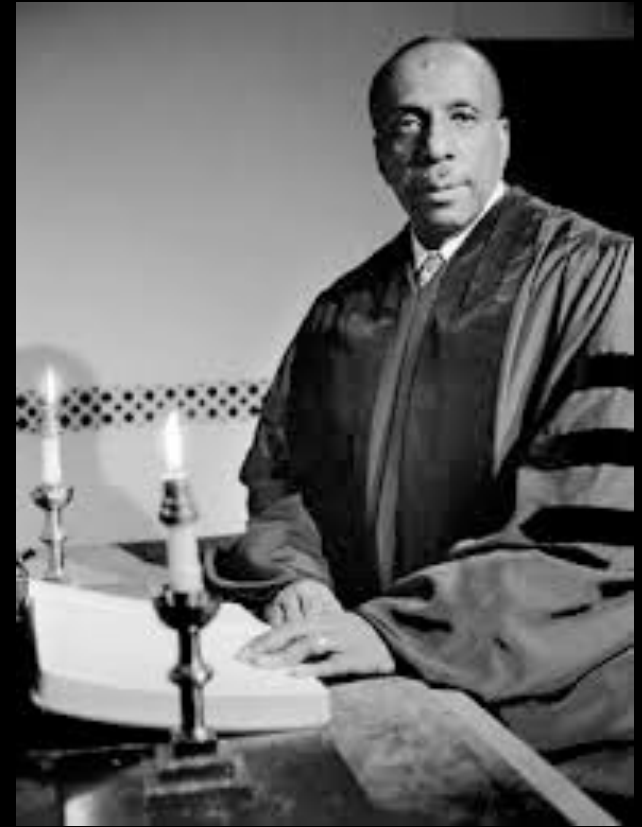
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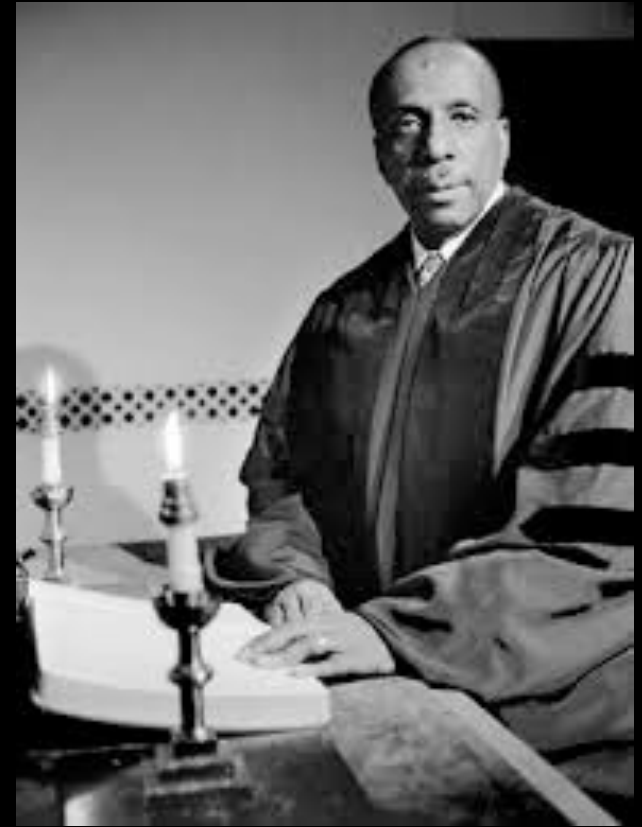
“But the facts have made it clear that this faith, this sung faith, served to deepen the capacity of the slaves for endurance and their ability to absorb their suffering.”




It taught the people how to ride high in life, how to look squarely in the face of those facts that argue most dramatically against all hope,



... and to use those facts as a raw material out of which they fashioned a hope that their environment, with all its cruelty, could not crush. This enabled them to reject annihilation and to affirm a terrible right to live.”







How do we get this hope?

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Donald Grey Barnhouse

“When you saw the truck rush by, it scared you, but let me ask you, would you rather be run over by the speeding truck or the shadow of the speeding truck?” She replied, “Of course the shadow.”



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“Your mom died, but she was only hit by the shadow of death, because Jesus was hit by the truck –death.”



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